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Regional Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2023, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Virtual Meeting (Microsoft Teams)

PRESENT: Kathy Witcher (Chair), Pam Hartling (Co-chair), Bill Brown, Luke Mari, Ross Soward, Carolyn Gisborne, Don McTavish, Sylvia Ceacero, Stirling Scory, Patricia Maloney (Patricia Maloney Consulting), Sharon Horsburgh (Bayshore Planning Services Inc), George Parker (Mulholland & Parker, Land Economists)

STAFF: Nadine Kawata, Christine O'Brien (recorder)

REGRETS: Andrea Hudson, Felice Mazzoni, David Corey, Kerriann Cody, Sarah Smith

The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm.

1. Territorial acknowledgement

Kathy Witcher provided a Territorial acknowledgement.

2. Welcome & Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

MOVED by Luke Mari

SECONDED by Don McTavish

CARRIED

3. Approval of May 23, 2023, meeting minutes

Motion to approve the May 23, 2023, meeting minutes as presented.

MOVED by Sylvia Ceacero

SECONDED by Pam Hartling

CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

No business to review.

5. Topics for Discussion:

a. CRD Regional Housing Acquisition Strategy Project Presentation

- The consultant team engaged by the CRD to develop an affordable housing acquisition strategy; provided a background of the study. The project's goal is to build and preserve the supply of affordable housing within the urban areas of the region.
- The consultant team reviewed:
 - guidelines of this study,
 - walkability definition,
 - literary review of other project acquisition initiatives and studies that have been completed.

- The financial model, scenarios, assumptions and results
 - Discussed: Acquisition options and potential funding partners: BC Housing, CMHC, BC Ministry of Housing
 - The study results will be presented to the CRD Board in December 2023 as part of reporting on Future Housing Partnerships and Priorities, along with recommendations for a Rural and Remote Housing Program and Complex Care. *(update from presentation – CRD Board Meeting planned for Q1 2024)*
- b. **CRD Regional Housing Updates and Future RHAC Meetings Discussion:** CRD Staff.
- The following are key items we are working on:
 - Moving forward with actions recommended in the White paper: Future Housing Priorities and Partnerships in the Capital Region including the Acquisition Strategy
 - Rural Housing Strategy
 - Complex Care Housing
 - Acquisition Strategy
 - Reaching Home Program, funding through Infrastructure Canada
 - Affordable Housing Strategy – this is earmarked for a refresh in 2025 and will be brought to this committee for review/input.

Please let CRD staff know what the committee would like to see going forward, what you would like to work on. Initially it was decided that we would only meet when there was something for the committee to provide input on, this is why we have not met recently.

6. Roundtable

- Members gave the committee updates from their respective areas.

7. Next Meeting

- Add reviewing changes to Airbnb and possible impacts affordable housing.
- Minister of Housing's Initiatives and impact

8. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn.

MOVED by Pam Hartling

SECONDED by Don McTavish

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.